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Private firm to operate Sinai stations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 - (R). - The Ford Administration announced Friday that it had chosen a private contractor to install and operate the U.S. monitoring stations in the Sinai Desert, planned under the latest interim peace agreement between Egypt and Israel.

The company — will receive \$16.5 million to build and man three watch stations, a base camp and four sensor fields designed to give both Israel and Egypt early warning of an attack.

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Special to the Jordan Times

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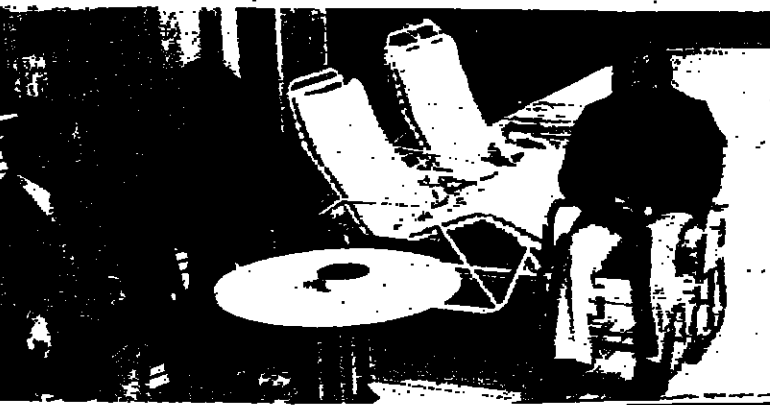
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ALKS AMONG FRIENDS. — H.M. King Hussein is pictured Friday during a meeting in Aqaba with the Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister and Prime Minister Zeid Rifai. (Photo by JNA).

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs during his three-day visit to Jordan, said in a press conference Friday night at his visit to the Middle East.

He said a number of objectives: First, to establish personal contacts with leaders in the countries of the Middle East. Second, to hear the different views, evaluate, appreciate and analyse problems, particularly those concerned with prospects for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

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Lebanese fighting marks major escalation as air force jets attack Palestinian positions near Beirut

BEIRUT, Jan. 16 - (Agencies). - Fighting in Lebanon took an ominous turn for the worse Friday when the Lebanese air force entered the civil war by carrying out a noon rocket attack on Palestinian commandos surrounding an army armoured convoy south of Beirut.

With the general situation throughout the country deteriorating rapidly, two air force fighter planes rocketed the Palestinians — said to number in the hundreds — and later reports said that 35 people were killed in the attack.

The incident took place at a crossroads ten kilometres south of Beirut.

It was also reported in the morning that a Lebanese army helicopter had been shot down and that anti-aircraft fire had been directed at Lebanese air force planes.

In other developments, the Syrian Chief of Staff made a four-hour visit to Beirut and had talks with President Suleiman Frangieh, while Beirut International Airport was closed down indefinitely after mortars had damaged parts of the runways.



GETTING POSITION. — Left-wing fighters carry their mortar and guns in Beirut's Ain Mreisseh district Thursday to get in position to fight Phalangist gunmen in the nearby Holiday Inn hotel. The large building in the background is the American Embassy. (AP wirephoto).

An army statement said the air force was ordered in after gunmen had ambushed an army convoy driving north from Damour, a coastal town now under left-wing siege.

It was the first time the air force had gone into action since the 1973 crisis between the army and the Palestinians.

Official sources at Beirut airport which had been closed just before the noon attack, said the airport and the nearby radio-transmitting station of Radio Orient, Lebanon's main link with the outside world, were under left-wing fire. The army was firing back.

In the first confusion after the attack eyewitness said the planes had also strafed two Palestinian camps in Beirut. But although the Hawker Hunter planes made low runs over the camps they did not fire on them.

Radio Beirut said that the army had also been in action for much of the day in the Bekaa Valley town of Zahle where two soldiers had been killed and two wounded by attacks by unidentified gunmen.

A statement issued after a meeting of Moslem leaders said that while the leaders had been meeting to discuss possible solutions to the crisis the army Commander-in-Chief, Major-General Hanna Said, telephoned Prime Minister Karami to say that he had ordered the air force to attack left-wing positions.

Mr. Karami told him to countermand his orders because military intervention would further complicate the crisis and because the Moslem leaders had agreed on a proposal that would end the siege of the Christian town of Damour by left-wing forces.

But the Maronite Christian commander-in-Chief refused to revoke his instructions and the planes went in.

The statement said, "We declare that the failure of the army to comply with the orders of the Prime Minister and Defence Minister to refrain from using the air force, and not to interfere in the current conflict, is a serious act of insubordination by the army against the responsible political authority which cannot be passed over in silence and calls for strong condemnation."

"It also requires speedy action to put a final and decisive end to such conduct so that the army will not be drawn into what we had repeatedly warned against — the splitting of the army."

Fierce fighting, including hand-to-hand combat, reportedly continued Friday in the streets of Damour, a right-wing enclave south of Beirut besieged by leftist forces for the past two days.

The fight for Damour, home village of Interior Minister Camille Chamoun who heads the right-wing National Liberal Party, was generally considered as the leftists' response to the capture on Wednesday of the Palestinian camp of Dbaye, north of Beirut, by Christian Phalangist militia.

Well-informed Lebanese sources confirmed that the village had been taken by leftist and

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Shah threatens to raise oil price for breach of contract

TEHERAN, Jan. 16, (R). — The Shah of Iran Friday accused a western oil consortium of breaching an agreement on oil purchases.

He also said the consortium had failed to pay its share of exploration costs. He threatened to raise the oil price if Iran did not meet the costs itself.

The Shah was speaking to reporters while touring newly-discovered copper deposits and mines at Kerman.

He said the consortium had violated a 1973 agreement, reducing its purchase of oil "a great deal" in the last months of 1975.

He accused the consortium of reducing its purchases of oil fixed at 6,318,000 barrels a day — by three quarters of a million barrels, forcing the government to revise its development budget as well as its international loan commitments.

The consortium is composed of British Petroleum, with a 40 per cent interest, Shell with 14 per cent, Gulf, Mobil, Socal, Esso and Texaco each with seven per cent, Compagnie Francaise des Petroles with six per cent, and an agency of minor independents, five per cent.

40% of Americans doubt Ford's qualifications

NEW YORK, Jan. 16, — Forty per cent of Americans doubt that President Gerald Ford has all the qualifications such as intelligence needed to run the country judging by an opinion poll published Friday.

But 39 per cent of the 1,394 people questioned thought Mr. Ford had all the necessary qualifications. The other 21 per cent had no opinion.

A 62 to 25 per cent majority of those queried thought the President failed to take sufficient account of financial difficulties of U.S. families.

Fifty-nine per cent thought he showed lack of experience in foreign policy, while 23 per cent were satisfied concerning that field.

Other answers indicated citizens think the President is too busy trying to get himself re-elected to perform his duties properly — by a 51 to 34 per cent margin — and that his Republican Party is too closely linked to big business — 57 to 20 per cent.

The sampling of opinion was by the Harris polling Organization.



ANIMATED SPEAKER. — Mr. Jamil Barroody, the Saudi Arabian U.N. representative, gestures during debate at the U.N. Security Council Thursday. (AP wirephoto).

MPLA continues northward thrust as refugee boats await uncertain fate

LUANDA, Jan. 16, (AFP). — Triumphant Soviet-backed People's Movement (MPLA) forces have seized more towns in their northward thrust from the newly-captured northern Angolan ports of Ambriz and Ambrizete, Luanda radio said Friday.

But, the radio warned, the possibility was not to be ruled out that Holden Roberto, leader of the western-armed Angolan National Liberation Front (FNLA) might try a new "strategic trick."

In a French-language broadcast the radio said MPLA troops had rounded up more than 2,000 prisoners in the northern combat area, from 200 to 300 kms north of the capital and were continuing their offensive northwards.

The radio also reported an upsurge of fighting in Angola's oil-rich Cabinda enclave.

The FNLA-UNITA coalition was falling back "progressively" in central Angola, the radio said.

The Prime Minister of the Luanda-based government of the MPLA said in Lagos his government had no alternative but to intensify the war to liberate Angola.

Lopo do Nascimento told reporters during a stopover Thursday night that it would not be long before Angola was fully liberated from South African aggression.

Mr. Nascimento was on his way home from the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Addis Ababa.

In Havana Cuban Premier Fidel Castro confirmed that Cuban troops were on active service in Angola, but said they would be withdrawn when the MPLA wished.

He said the Cuban units were sent to the former Portuguese colony when South Africa intervened. They would be withdrawn if and when the government in Luanda requested it, he said.

At Walvis Bay, South-West Africa, Portuguese consular officials were picking their way today through a flotilla of boats anchored off the port, deciding which of the nearly 2,700 Angolan refugees crammed aboard could go ashore.

The Portuguese, most of them white, will be taken off the 24 dangerously overcrowded boats, which arrived during the last few days after a hurried departure from Angola.

The remainder, mostly black Angolans, will have to stay aboard and face an uncertain future possibly having to return to Angola.

The vetting process at Walvis Bay, a South African enclave inside South-West Africa, was decreed by the South African government.

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OPEC to set up \$ 1,000 m aid fund for developing countries

VIENNA, Jan. 16, (R). — The finance ministers will ratify the scheme at a meeting in Paris on January 20, officials said.

The aid fund, based on voluntary contributions by OPEC members, is intended to make 1,000 million dollars available for needs of developing countries this year, and a similar sum each year until 1980.

The finance ministers were due to hold their January 26 meeting at OPEC's Vienna headquarters, but this was changed after OPEC oil ministers were ambushed by guerrillas in a raid here in December. Ten ministers were taken hostage and flown to Tripoli and Algiers.

A Venezuelan official said the switch to Paris was not directly related to the guerrilla attack, but was decided because several finance ministers were due in France at that time for a meeting connected with the World Conference on Energy and raw materials.

Other OPEC sources said it was unlikely that OPEC ministers would meet again in Vienna for at least six months.

Officials said the financial experts discussed only technical and financial aspects of the development fund at their four-day meeting, and final arrangements would be left for the ministers.

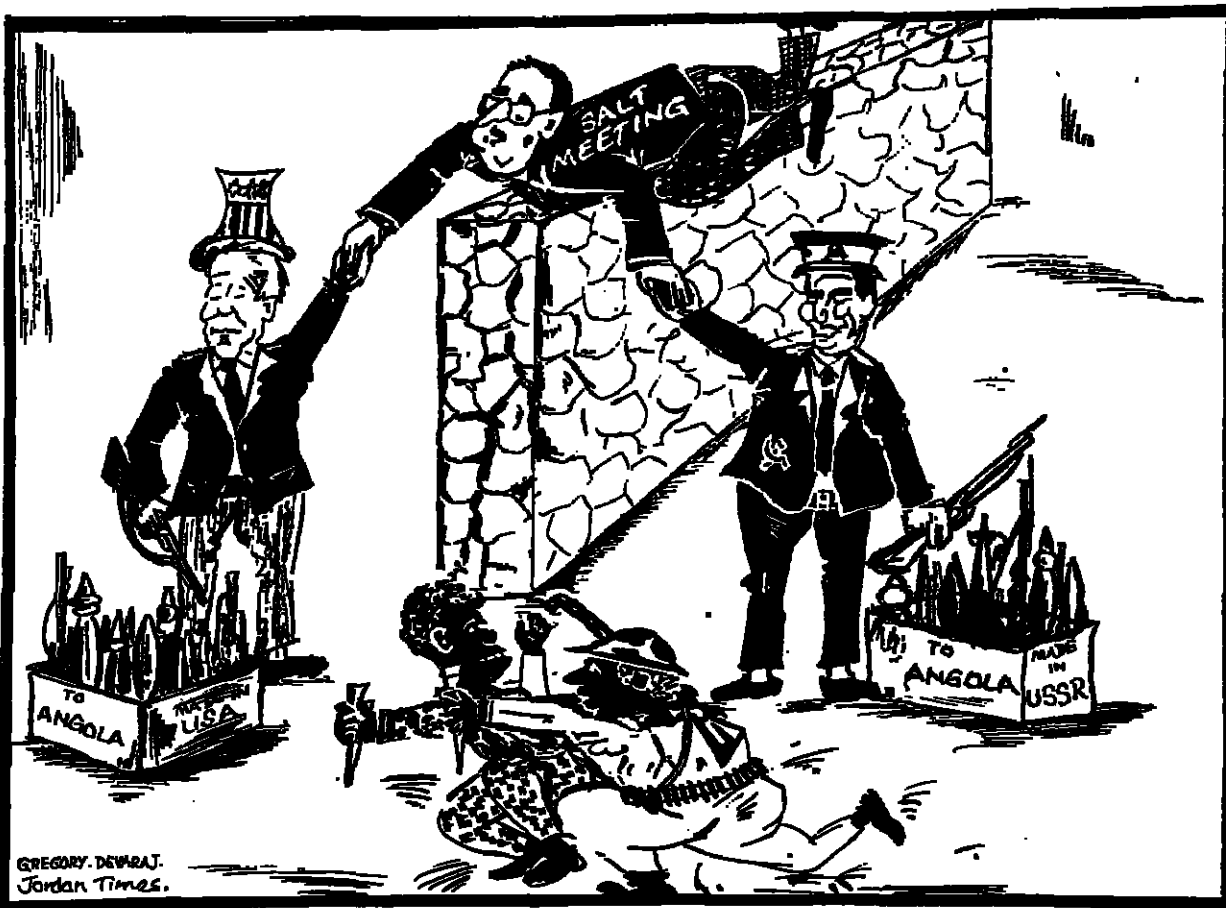
The ministers still have to decide whether to accept a proposal that OPEC countries should contribute 10 cents for each barrel of oil they sell. The average market price of OPEC oil is now 11.51 dollars per barrel.

Secret contacts reported between USA, PLO

LONDON, Jan. 16 (AFP). — The American State Department and officials of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have been in secret contact since August last year, according to a report in Friday's Financial Times.

It said authoritative American sources had disclosed that the contacts were carried out through third parties, including an American non-Zionist Jewish university teacher, and the State Department had exchanged messages with PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

The Financial Times went on: "After these exchanges the PLC, which was initially wary of them, is now awaiting clarification of the U.S. attitude to the organisation."



New belts aid phosphate expansion



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were a presidential
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refused to comment.

new life for the bells of Kaunas

There is an ancient tower
in the city of Kaunas
(the Lithuanian Socialist
Republic). For a time
its 35 bells were sil-

checking the sound of the
bells. The idea struck
him that the bells could
be "revived" and music
could be played on them.

It took a lot of effort to
make a kind of a control
panel resembling an organ's
key-board. Finally the
bells rang again. A
solemn melody from
Beethoven's piano con-

certos of renderings of
classical operas and
symphony works, of folk
tunes and of works by
modern Soviet and foreign
composers.

In the evening before New-

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ascended the tower by a
winding staircase and the
city residents and visitors
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China slowly snaps back after emotional burning period

KING, Jan. 16, (AFP). — Girls, similar to those so grief-stricken a few days ago, and green-clad soldiers pose, showing off occasionally their best profile and snapping to attention before the monument, which looks like a small, snowy hill under the thousands upon thousands of wreaths which cover its base. The hedges of cypresses, which surround it, stand white with the thousands of paper flowers offered to the late premier.

The biting wind carries them far off. On Changan, the Avenue of Eternal Peace, which passes before Tien An Men and across Peking, the traffic is intense. At no moment has work stopped since the beginning of mourning. Though the period of mourning is up, most passers-by and cyclists still wear a black armband in memory of Mr. Chou whose ashes are now scattered over China according to his wish.

Iraq, India sign cooperation pact

NEW DELHI, Jan. 15, (R). — Iraq and India Friday signed a two-year programme for cooperation in education, culture, sports, health, radio, television and the press, officials said.

Mr. K. N. Channa, a secretary in the Indian Education Ministry, and the Iraqi Ambassador in India, Mr. Mohammed Said al-Sahhaf, signed for their respective countries.

The Iraqi News Agency Friday opened an office here in collaboration with Press Asia International, a small Delhi-based feature service.

Mr. Zuhair Halperin, who was Executive Director of the National Security Council during the Nixon administration, is suing the Editors' Guild for allegedly ordering the press to stop reporting on his private life.

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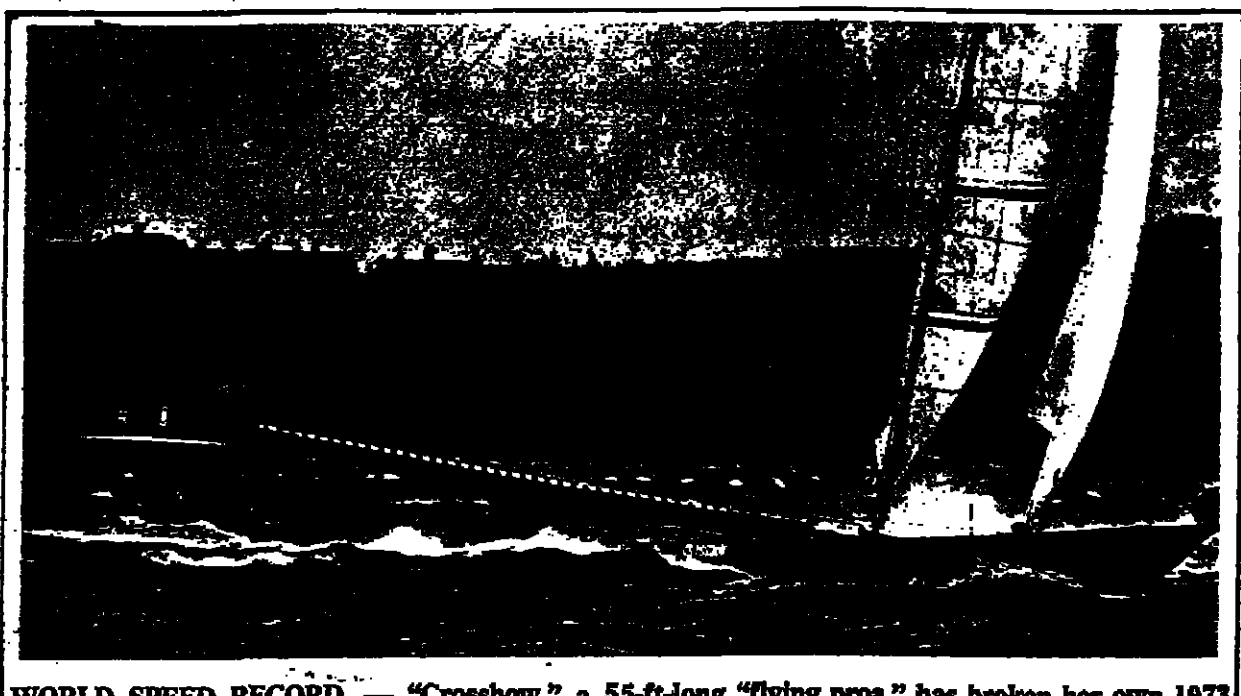
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WORLD SPEED RECORD. — "Crossbow," a 55-ft-long "flying proa," has broken her own 1973 world sailing speed record of 29.3 knots with a winning speed of 31.1 knots in the recent Royal Yachting Association speed trials in Portland Harbour, southern England. The strange craft, specifically designed for speed, carries a sail area of 850 sq ft and has a hull only 20 inches wide, which cuts through the water like a knife.

Japan, Kuwait sign oil, gas agreements

KUWAIT, Jan. 16, (AFP). — Japan and Kuwait have concluded two major contracts in the energy field.

Under an agreement between the Kuwaiti Oil Ministry and the Japanese Harozin Group, Japan will receive 10,000 barrels of Kuwaiti crude oil a day at a price of \$11.35 per barrel.

Authorities did not specify the duration of the contract.

At the same time the Kuwaiti government signed a contract with the Japanese firm Kawajima Heavy Industries under which the latter will supply \$12 million worth of equipment for Kuwait's projected natural gas processing industry.

Some commentators said the document as breaking new ground in advocating greater understanding for homosexuals but Italy's main homosexual rights group vigorously attacked it.

A spokesman for the group said the document confirmed their view of the Church as one of the most serious elements of social and sexual oppression.

He said the document—entitled "Declaration on Certain Questions of Sexual Ethics"—was "among the most ridiculous, grotesque and criminal ever put out by the modern S.S. of the Vatican."

Introducing the document to the press, Jesuit Father Roberto Tucci, head of the Vatican radio, denied that it was against pleasure.

A leading Catholic theologian, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters the document was repressive.

"They want to recall theologians and progressives to greater orthodoxy in sexual questions," he said.

But, he said, priests in day-

to-day contact with the problems of the faithful would probably not take too much notice of the document.

"Many people feel that these problems have to have a new solution. The solutions now being proposed are not good ones. Some other way will have to be found."

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Before 1980 Zaire is planning to build a new hydroelectric dam equivalent in size and production capacity to the giant Inga Dam (350 megawatts), the official Zaire Press (Azap) reported Friday.

Studies for the project were being conducted by the French firm Sogreah of Grenoble, Azap said.

The future dam is designed to meet the power needs of Upper Zaire and Kisangani regions and to provide electricity for the exploitation of chalk and bituminous schist deposits at Wania-Rukula, a cement plant at Kisangani and iron extraction at Banalia and Ubundu.

Mrs. Castle ends 3-nation M.E. tour

LONDON, Jan. 16 - (R). — British Social Services Secretary Mrs. Barbara Castle returned Friday from a 10-day visit to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran and said that Britain could help these three countries to develop their health services.

She said: "The main problem is that these particular countries are very much short of manpower."

Mrs. Castle added that there was no doubt that the governments of the three countries were greatly interested in drawing on Britain's 27 years of operations in the National Health Service.

She would urge British medical authorities to give every possible assistance for staffing and training.

In Iran a shopping list of needs was drawn up. This included medical equipment, pharmaceuticals and trained staff.

There had been eleven attempts to overthrow Zanzibar governments since 1964, the Daily News said. But Zanzibar was part and parcel of Africa and no one could change historical and geological facts, the paper said.

Swiss police fear "Carlos" aims at Shah of Iran

ZURICH, Jan. 16 - (AFP). — Swiss police fear that Carlos Martinez Sanchez, the Venezuelan-born international gunman, may have plans to assassinate the Shah of Iran when the Iranian ruler arrives in the Swiss mountain resort of St. Moritz for his annual winter holiday, the Zurich daily Blick reported Friday.

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Blick added that similar measures would be taken to protect other national leaders expected in St. Moritz on holiday.

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1975 Egypt payments deficit at \$3 billion

CAIRO, Jan. 15 - (AFP). - The Al Ahram economic review Thursday said Egypt faced a balance of payments deficit of an estimated \$3 billion last year and complained that assistance from oil-producing Arab countries was insufficient.

Commenting on Egypt's economic difficulties, the review said the 1975 deficit compared with military spending and economic losses totalling \$40 billion as a result of the wars in 1967 and 1973. The 1975 defence budget had totalled \$3 billion or one-third of gross national income.

Giving further figures illustrating the country's financial plight, the review said debt repayments had amounted to \$728 million in 1974, as against \$693 million in 1973.

During the first half of last year, it said, Egypt had to borrow about \$1 billion at interest rates ranging from 15 to 18 per cent per annum.

As for aid from the Arab oil-producing countries, it had amounted to only 10 per cent of the losses and expenses incurred by Egypt, while their own incomes had been raised from \$13.5 billion in 1973 to \$65 billion in 1974 as a result

of the 1973 war and the ensuing oil price increases, the Al Ahram Economic Review said.

It said that while the increase in revenue had materialised only as a result of the October War, the share of Egypt, which

had defended the Arab countries had been no more than 7.8 per cent.

The aid granted to Egypt had amounted only to a sum equaling the profits made by the oil countries in 28 days, it said.

Salem tour aims at securing Arab credits

CAIRO, Jan. 16 - (R). - Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem is scheduled to start an Arab tour later this month in a bid to raise some \$4 billion to ease Egypt's sharp economic problems.

Cairo newspapers reported Friday that the tour will start on January 24 when Mr. Salem will visit Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar.

President Anwar Sadat offered in a press interview last week to mortgage the Suez Canal's \$500 million income as an annual instalment for the projected loan, providing it is a long-term one with a period of grace.

The deficit in the Egyptian balance of payments for 1976 is expected to be some 2.4 billion Egyptian pounds (about the same sterling).

Of these, 1.2 billion pounds represent loan services which Egypt is to repay during this

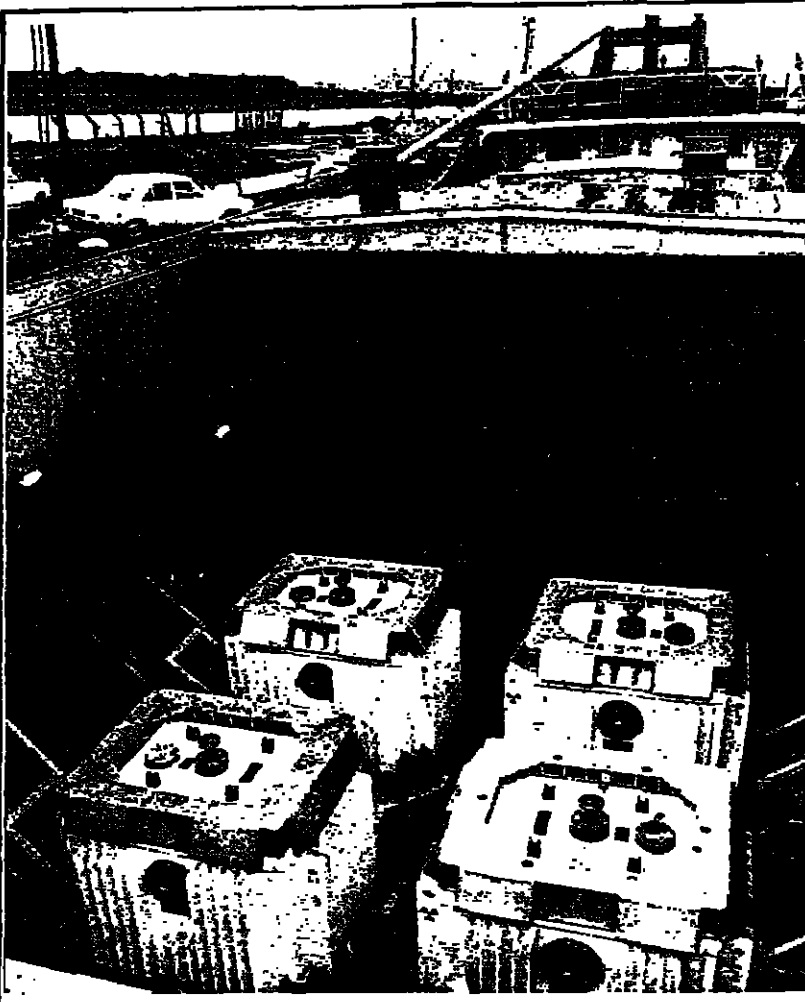
year. The Egyptian press and members of the People's Assembly (parliament) have been calling for a greater Arab share in easing the pressure on the economy resulting from the 1967 and 1973 wars with Israel.

Official estimates here put these costs at 16 billion Egyptian pounds and, according to official sources, contributions by Arab countries did not exceed one-tenth of these expenditures.

The press and parliament members maintained that the wars were fought for the Arab cause as a whole.

A parliamentary report last May suggested that other Arab countries should contribute to Egyptian military expenditures "in the past, present and future."

The Egyptian military budget is believed to be still around 1 billion Egyptian pounds this year.



BRITAIN REPROCESSES NUCLEAR FUEL. — In this picture a member of British Nuclear Fuels, the organisation responsible for the operation of reprocessing used nuclear fuels in Britain, uses a geiger counter to check the lead-lined steel flasks containing the latest consignment to arrive from Italy.

Brazil considers nuclear warships for Atlantic duty

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 15 - (R). - Brazil is considering the possibility of nuclear-powered warship to counter the growing Soviet presence in the South Atlantic, according to top navy officers here.

Outgoing Admiral of the Fleet Carlos de Andrade, mentioning the possibility has said a naval brain trust is studying a general defence system for the area.

The South Atlantic is of prime strategic importance to Brazil since it provides the major channel round the Cape of Good Hope for its imports of oil from the Middle East and for its iron ore exports to Japan.

Navy leaders here are known to have been particularly concerned over the Soviet-Cuban intervention in the Angolan fighting and reports that the Soviet Union might establish naval bases in Angola.

Speaking at a ceremony in which he handed over command of the fleet to Admiral Roberto Mario Monnerat, Admiral Andrade said the present example of conflict in areas of strategic importance to Brazil showed that "we must be ready at any moment to defend our fatherland."

Admiral Monnerat mentioned present plans to boost Brazil's

naval power, including the construction of four frigates and two submarines in Britain.

Admiral Andrade did not refer to the possibility of nuclear ships in his speech but mentioned it afterwards to Brazilian journalists as one of a series of measures under study.

He added that nuclear propulsion afforded great flexibility and mobility but was not the only means of facing threats.

World grain crop estimates reduced

LONDON, Jan. 16 (AFP). — As a direct result of a drastic fall in the Soviet Union's harvest, world production of major grains (wheat, maize, barley, oats and rye) in the current season is now expected to be less than in 1974/75, the Commonwealth Secretariat estimates contrary to previous predictions.

The Secretariat estimates wheat production at 353 million tons, 1.9 per cent down on the previous season (compared with the International Wheat Council's latest figure of 355 million tons, published before the latest report from the USSR), while coarse grains, at 546 million tons, may still be marginally up (0.2 per cent).

For maize, with the harvest-

Saigon leaders relax control, devalue money for Tet holiday

SAIGON, Jan. 15, (AFP). — The Provisional Revolutionary Government Thursday announced a temporary relaxation of post-war security to allow the Saigon population to celebrate the coming Tet Lunar New Year.

At the same time, banking sources said that the South Vietnamese piastre has been devalued against the dollar.

The devaluation, made January 6, meant the piastre was now worth 1.85 to the dollar, compared with its previous rate of 1.50, the sources said. The South Vietnamese currency remains unchanged, however, against the North Vietnamese dong, which is still worth 0.80 paisters the sources said.

For the Tet New Year, on January 31 and February 1 and 2, the Saigon population will have three curfew-free days off and will be allowed for two days to let off firecrackers, the traditional way of seeing in the new year.

Firecrackers were banned by the regime of President Nguyen Van Thieu during most of the Vietnam war, which ended with the fall of Saigon last April 30.

Saigon Radio, monitored in Hong Kong, said that the provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) had also decreed an extra month's pay for workers to mark the Tet holiday.

The Saigon radio report heard in Hong Kong said the authorities had called for "joyous but simple and economical celebrations" and had banned gambling and drinking alcohol. The armed forces must be "on guard in case of sabotage," the radio said.

It urged the people to help families in difficulty and war wounded and invalids so that they could enjoy a happy Tet.

The radio said the ho would be the first after years of imperialism in v the people will be able to brate the coming of sprh peace, independence and rty after achieving the ta liberation.

Tet comes at the start new phase of revolutionar velopment, unification of country and advancing th tire nation towards social the radio said.

German minister suggests EEC m to prod world fo production

BONN, Jan. 16, (R). — German Agriculture Minister Josef Ertl says in a magazine article published Friday the European Economic Community should devise a m of cooperation to aid World agricultural de ment and help feed the stu

He said in Aussenhandl nst (Foreign Trade News) the system should conce on the Mediterranean sea Middle East and parts of ca. He did not say how i ould work.

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Pakistan clamp restrictions on skilled workers

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 15 — The Pakistan government announced emigration tions on 10 categories c fessional and technical ers in a move to check celerating "brain drain" particularly to oil-rich bouring states.

A presidential decree shed Thursday limits th gration of specialists in j sions ranging from tea aviation, accountancy and icine, but places no cu the emigration of un workers.

Pakistan has been hit shortage of professional skilled labour following exodus over the past two of specialists to countries as Saudi Arabia and where they can earn mu gher wages than they home.

New rights for Britain's women workers

A few days before the end of 1975, which was International Women's Year, two important measures became law, effectively providing a new charter for the working women of Britain. The 1970 Equal Pay Act came into full force on the same day that the employment and certain other provisions of the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act went into operation.

Earlier in the year two other pieces of complementary legislation, the Employment Protection Act and the Social Security Pensions Act, also reached the statute book and linking all of them is the practical theme of concern for women at work.

This is a crucial area, for well over half the women of working age in Britain do go to work and two-thirds of them are married. Now women are forming an increasingly higher proportion of the country's total work force.

Significantly, in their passage through both Houses of Parliament, the legislation received broad all-party support, debates and divisions were limited mainly to the details and time-scales involved.

But the Government, is well

aware that it is not enough merely to pass laws and expect them to solve age-old problems and eliminate ingrained social attitudes overnight. Discrimination cannot be legislated out of existence without a permanent shift in public opinion and nobody expects this to be other than a long-term, painstaking process.

A keynote to the whole is the establishment of an Equal Opportunities Commission which has wide powers not only to enforce the law in the public interest but also to work towards the elimination of discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity between men and women.

Greatest stress is laid on the positive side of the Commission's responsibilities: it will have a continuing duty to take action to educate and persuade opinion, to monitor and review the operation of the legislation and make recommendations to the Government, and to seek to identify and deal with discriminatory practices by industries, firms and institutions.

The Sex Discrimination Act does not, as some seem to think, set out to change the English language by making us all

into uni-sex postpersons, chairpersons, foreperson and so on, but it is to help us to take a more practical approach to the problem.

During 1975, then, much has been achieved in the field of women's rights but the end of the year does not mark then end of progress. The Government remains ready to amend or extend the current legisla-

Total equality is order of the day in British schools

LONDON, Jan. 12 - (AFP).

A painful spinoff of Britain's new sexual equality law was reported here Monday — two 15 year old school girls have been caned by their headmaster.

Caning has traditionally been a punishment reserved for male pupils in British schools.

The schoolgirls were caned for blacking the eye of a school-mate who did not invite them to her Christmas party.

The girls are pupils at Girls Secondary School, North Shields in north-eastern England. Headmaster Donal Simpson said he received the permission of the girls' parents before caning them.

Since Britain's sex-equality law became valid on Dec. 29 a number of headmasters have suggested that schoolgirls should receive the same corporal punishment as male pupils. The suggestion caused a riot among 300 schoolgirls in a school in Newcastle, where the headmaster called in police to restore order.

tion in the light of experience. As The Times commented: "Complete equality between the sexes could only come to pass if a profound transformation took place in social attitudes to family life and responsibility. It is only necessary to look back to attitudes at the beginning of the century to see that such transformations are possible."

ECONOMIC BRIEFS

● BRUSSELS - British, West German and French nuclear fuel processing firms have received approval for an agreement from the commission of the European Economic Community (EEC).

The companies concerned are British Nuclear Fuels, Kewa of West Germany and the French Commissariat a l'Energie Atomique. The British and French organisation already have a joint plant for processing nuclear fuel, and the West German company plans to build one. The three firms have decided to co-ordinate their investment programmes in the fuel processing sector.

● LONDON. - The British government was Thursday urged to act at once to halt the "Japanese invasion" of British industry. The call was made by The Engineer, the influential mouthpiece of the engineering industry. The magazine said that the Japanese were now securing a "stranglehold" on the British television tube industry, as they have already done in the radio, electric motors, steel

pipes, type-writers, motorcycles and cars industries.

● LONDON. - Construction work on Hong Kong's new subway system has been insured for 4 billion Hong Kong dollars (400 million pounds), it was learned here Thursday. The cover registered on the London insurance market, is one of the biggest ever. The subway network is scheduled to open at the beginning of 1980.

● GENOA, Italy. - The 27,090-ton Augustus, the first Italian liner built after World War Two and the first passenger ship to be completely air-conditioned, is to be laid up. The Augustus, owned by the Italia Company, left here Thursday night on its final voyage — to Naples — with 600 people on board.

● LONDON. - A 14-man British engineering trade mission is to visit Japan from next Monday to Jan. 31. The visit aims at taking advantage of increased trading opportunities expected to arise from recovery in the Japanese economy in the near future.



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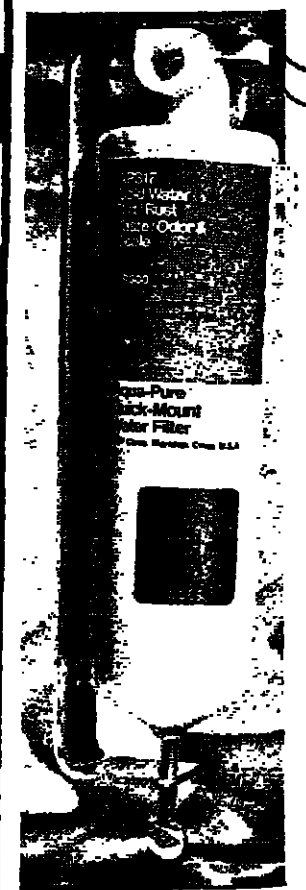
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relax money American Westerns harbour political understanding

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akistan cl- strictions a- killed work- LAMABAD, Jan- ing casino. More- e Pakistan govern- town boss is the local- ron who long ago se- nounced emigre- rol of the town just as- landed magnates of

medieval Italy seized control of Italy's free communes.

The swaggering ruffians are the cattle baron's hired hands. The sheriff is his appointee. The mayor is in his pocket. In the Western the true source of lawlessness is the direct result of lawless rule, and it stems from usurpation. This is a profound political insight, but it appears merely as a device of the plot, as a truth so widely shared by the audience it is taken simply as the way things are.

Western movies never assume that rulers are inherently evil or the people inherently good. The good folk, the church-going folk of the Western's polis, are emphatically not repositories of virtue. They cannot bring themselves to act in

concert against the local tyrant. Yet they cannot accept servility either, for they are free men. They suffer a public unhappiness, born of the unhappy state of public affairs. In the Western, man is, in truth, a "political animal" in the Aristotelian sense. His life is a public life, whether he likes it or not.

There is nothing arbitrary about the impotence of the good folk of the town. Machiavel- li, in his "Discourse on Livy," insisted that a truly corrupted republic cannot save itself by its own exertions.

The corollary that Machiavel- li drew from his bleak rule is that corrupted republics must be saved by outsiders. The Western reaches the same conclusion. An outsider comes to

town. He is so much the ruffian himself, but, somehow it dawn- on someone that this brave, resourceful stranger might be the town's salvation.

The outsider agrees to clean up the town, but he does so reluctantly, for he is not a man of civic virtue. The reason he consents to help them is an exclusively private one. The town's rulers long ago killed his father, or stole his ranch, or framed his brother. If it helps the townsfolk, well and good. His personal motives and his public motives simply happen to coincide.

The Western hero is what might be termed a Madisonian hero. According to James Madison, the only free government likely to endure is one so con- trived that the private interests

of the man will coincide with the interests of his office.

In this way private motives will serve the common good. The Madisonian skepticism, the refusal to rely on, or even be- lieve in, men of high public virtue, is perhaps the strongest of all America's shared political beliefs.

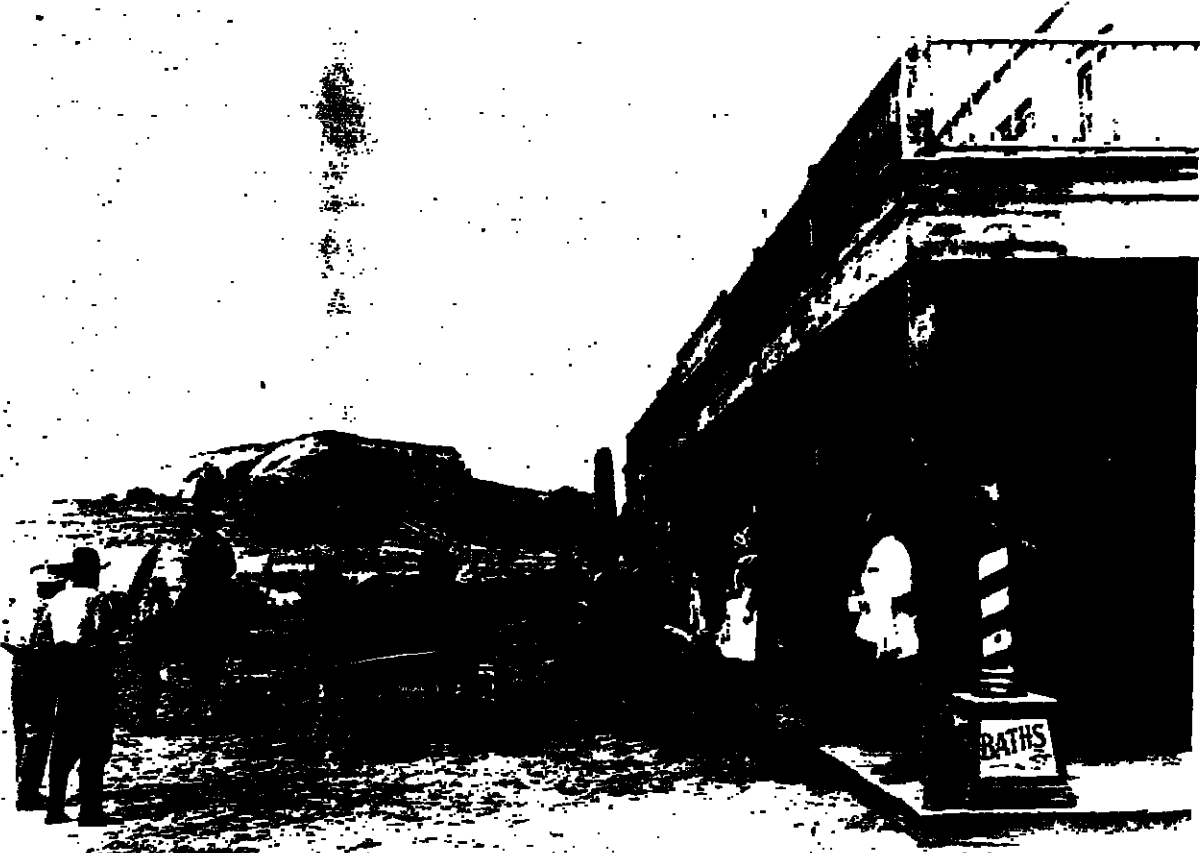
Since Westerns have happy endings achieved by a quick spasm of violence, they are of- ten said to be shallow and over- optimistic.

But if the Western movie errs, it errs in its extreme pes- simism, in its tacit assumption that only through violence and insurrection can free men rid themselves of entrenched cor- ruption.

The Western genre was born after World War I in the after- math of bitter defeat, the final defeat of what were once known as "Western ideas": the People's Party and its program, the Western progressive move- ment, the entire radical repub- lican tradition.

In the Western the old re- publican spirit lives on in a kind of suspended animation. Its political understanding is passive, embalmed as mere pi- ot. It is republicanism turned into ritual, for the classical Western is as rigid and cere- monial as a Japanese Nob play.

It keeps alive what Ameri- cans still want to see affirmed. They want to see a community under the reign of corrupt rul- ers, to trace the consequences of their corruption, to watch them in the end toppled from power. They want to see the bright stage of an American polis where each life touches all lives, where each person's actions affect the common fate, where everyone is a citizen and everybody matters.



DEPUTY MARSHALL. — Wyatt Earp (Henry Fonda) rides into a Western frontier town to set things right in "My Darling Clementine," a 1946 John Ford film.

International effort is key to pest control

International cooperation is the most effective strategy for long-term control of tropical pests, the U.K. Ministry of Overseas Development's Centre for Overseas Pest Research (COPR) says in its annual report, just published in London.

This cooperation is typified by the collaboration between COPR, the U.K. Natural Environment Research Council's unit of invertebrate virology, the East African Agriculture and Forestry Research Organisation in Kenya and the Department of Agriculture in Botswana.

All are working on new types of insect pest controls.

One idea is to develop the insects' own viruses as control agents, which could lead to an agent that is effective, cheap and environmentally safe.

COPR has also been taking part in other international programmes such as the Food and Agriculture Organisation's global programme of integrated pest control for certain major crops and—with rural public health being a vital factor in agricultural production—the seven-country onchocerciasis (river blindness) control project

launched by the World Health Organisation in West Africa.

The report details the work going on in various countries including schemes to control the tsetse fly and the laughing dove, which can strip grain harvest, in Botswana; bilharzia control in Ethiopia; coffee bean borer eradication in Guatemala; and the fight against maize stem borer in Kenya, flies in Malta, the lop-eared jack rabbit in Mexico and the African armyworm in East Africa.

The Centre for Overseas Pest Research says it is estimated that up to one-third of any harvest in the developing world is lost to pests of one kind or another.

Widespread acceptance of the importance of pest control is regarded as a matter of prime importance by COPR and the report says the international attention the subject has attracted was significant both to the work of the centre and to the general re-orientation of aid programmes towards greater support to the poorest programmes and within those countries to the very poorest rural areas.

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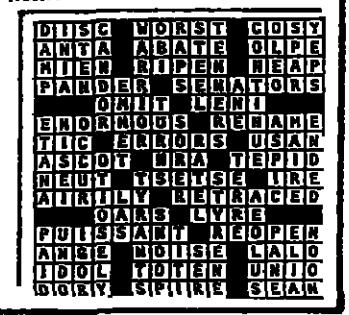
1 Cup holder
6 Corridor
10 Laban's daughter
14 Moroccan city
15 Turkish regiment
16 Alms box
17 Prize ring
18 Non-aspirate
19 Butter portions
20 Hair Comb. form
21 Hurt the feelings
23 Summit
24 — Arbor
26 Mariners
28 Early cartographer
33 Meadow
34 Top-hand at anything
35 — break (rest): 2 wds.
37 Market
41 Ostrich
43 Cherish

DOWN

1 Play at dice: Slang
2 Actor — Rhodes
3 Genesis shepherd
4 Madman
5 School political group
6 — a loaf...
7 First Hebrew letter
8 Passageways
9 Splenic
10 Once around the track
11 Urania's sister
12 Player
13 Locking devices
21 Ready: 2 wds.
22 Stamps
25 Burmese sprite
27 Thin, narrow board
28 — Nostrum
29 Reverberate
30 Female ruffs
31 Soup vegetable

DOWN

32 French queen
36 Black Sea gulf
38 One of the Pitcairns
39 Fall upon
40 Feminine suffix
42 Assists
44 Anthony and Barbara
47 Night in Soissons
49 Before
52 The North Wind
54 Cowardly color
55 What the forty-niners did
56 The Sheik's home



Horoscope

IES : (March 21 - April 20).
"Take care that you do not work at cross purposes with associates or family members. This is a divisive day because of changing moods and sentiments. Be tolerant."
JRUS : (April 21 - May 21).
"Troublesome delay could mark the day you should not be forced into taking any action. Follow through with vital operations. Ex- erimentation is justified."
MINI : (May 22 - June 21).
"Today is not particularly good for local travel or visit- ing. Unexpected guests could catch you off guard. There seems to be a lack of pre- sight or planning."
NCER : (June 22 - July 23).
"Usual weekend routine is robustly best; this is not day to try anything new. Improvements. Don't be talked into buying anything you don't really need."
GO : (July 24 - Aug. 23).
"You can expect surprises. Not all of which are pleasant. Be resourceful with disposi- tions around home or base operations. You may have- turn over a new leaf."
GO : (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23).
"Yesterday's inner plans may use austerity, diminish ex- pectations. Fix your thinking on changing economic tren- ds."
SA : (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23).
"Early influences indicate a new start. There may be so-

me problems getting through to friends or groups. Agree- ment or consensus will be hard to reach today."
SCORPIO : (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22).
"Some restrictions may be encountered during the day- time hours. Don't take chances while in strange environ- ments. Avoid a tendency later to be bossy and critical."
SAGITTARIUS : (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21).
"You may be subjected to an unusual temptation, but ex- amine the situation from a philosophical point of view. Be wary of ethics. This is not a good day to travel."
CAPRICORN : (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20).
"You will enjoy experiment- ing, improvising ways to get more mileage out of used items. Take your time in de- ciding how to utilize the ta-

leats of others."
AQUARIUS : (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19).
"It is not a particularly good day to heed advice. Some ideas may be a little wild. Matters concerning your mate or current date may be somewhat perplexing."
PISCES : (Feb. 20 - March 20).
"Things could become a little nervous now. Indecision is a factor which negates progress. Don't find fault or make excuses if you are asked to be of service."

Television

CHANNEL 3 & 6 :
8.00 Quran
8.10 Cartoons
8.30 Space 1999
8.00 News in Arabic
CHANNEL 3 :
7.30 Cultural Programme
8.30 Arabic Series
9.00 At Your Request
CHANNEL 6 :
7.30 News in Hebrew
7.45 Varieties (Arabic)
8.30 My Brother's Keeper
9.00 Medical Story
10.00 News in English
10.15 Movie of the Week (on both channels)
Mongo's Back in Town starring Telly Savalas

Radio

[ON 886 KHZ]
7.00 Breakfast show
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 News Reports
8.00 Pop International
8.30 Listener's Choice
10.00 Sign Off
12.00 Pop session part I
13.00 News Summary
13.05 Pop session part II
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Break for Music
14.30 Melody Time
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening.
17.00 Opera in Germany
17.30 Book Review
18.00 News Summary
18.05 News Reports Round Up.
18.45 Music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 Songs
19.30 Sign off
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Exchange

U.S. Dollar 329-331
Sterling 668-674
D. Mark 126.8-127.2
Fr. Franc 73.3-74.1
Swiss Franc 126.7-127.1
Saudi Rial 82.6-83
Lebanese Pound 132.1-133.8
Iraqi Dinar 907-915
Syrian Pound 86.6-87.0
Kuwaiti Dinar 1112-1120
Egyptian Pound 460-470
Libyan Dinar 685-700

Market Prices

Tomatoes 80-120
Eggplant (large) 6-75
Marrow (large) 70-100
Marrow (small) 150-220
Hot Pepper 140-180
Bell Pepper 60-80
String Beans 140-180
Horse Beans 220-270
Spinach 35-60
Potatoes 100-130
Onions 120-150
Chestnuts 270-300
Cucumbers (small) 280-340
Cucumbers (large) 150-200
Cauliflower 45-60
Cabbage 40-55
Apples (Golden) 120-150
Apples (Starline) 130-170
Apples (Double red) 190-220
Lemon 60-90
Oranges 40-70
Oranges (French) 40-80
Oranges (Navel) 80-120
Grapefruit 35-60
Bananas 140-170
Carrots (yellow) 60-75
Carrots (black) 60-75
Mandarin 90-120
Beets 70-90
Onions 120-140

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Portuguese police attempt to stop attacks against communists

LISBON, Jan. 16, (R). — Military police will shortly start patrolling the northern city of Oporto in an attempt to stop a mounting right-wing campaign of bomb and machine-gun attacks, an army spokesman said Friday.

The latest in a series of 22 bomb attacks since the New Year damaged a swing-bridge near the port of Matosinhos just outside Oporto early Friday and partially destroyed the home of a pro-communist parish council chairman at Fafe a few miles away.

A Soviet cargo ship, the 4,000-ton Ribakowait, had been moored under the bridge for the past three days but sailed just before the bomb was thrown from a passing car, harbour authorities said.

A gunman raked the house of a communist taxi-driver with machine-gun fire in the northern village of Revelhe. All the attacks occurred in the early morning darkness.

Nobody has been hurt so far, but the spokesman at northern regional headquarters said the Military Council of the Revolution, the country's supreme political body, was worried about the campaign. Military police patrols were among a series of counter-measures

being planned.

In Lisbon, Interior Minister Manuel Almeida Costa held a ceremony with civil government to start government preparations for legislative assembly elections to be held by April 25.

The elections are to produce the first freely-chosen parliament since the overthrow of half a century of right-wing dictatorship in April, 1974. The present constituent assembly elected last April will be dissolved once it has completed drawing up a new constitution within the next two months.

The minister repeated the government's pledge to hold the elections by April 25, the second anniversary of the 1974 coup, but said President Francisco Da Costa Gomes had not yet set the date.

The pro-communist construction workers' union meanwhile claimed that 90 per cent of its members in the Lisbon area heeded a two-hour strike call Friday morning in protest against the government's wage freeze and austerity programme.

However independent observers said this estimate appeared to be exaggerated. Many workers were seen continuing as usual.



BURIAL CEREMONY. — The casket containing the remains of Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak is lowered into the national mausoleum in Kuala Lumpur Friday. (AP wirephoto).

Spanish industry hit by 'political' strikes

MADRID, Jan. 16, (AFP). — Spanish police Friday evicted striking workers from a Church and a bank and 60,000 Madrid building workers stayed away from work despite an announcement of a collective agreement.

Trade union leaders have called mass meetings which will be asked to approve the

draft agreement. It provides a minimum monthly salary of 17,500 pesetas (about 270 dollars) for a labourer in the steel industry, hit by strikes and lockouts, some of the biggest firms indicated they would open up again and would not insist that strikers be punished.

About 2,200 workers from the Chrysler Espana Factory were removed without incident from the Church of Saint Andrew at Villaverde near Madrid. Other police in the capital drove out 400 employees who had assembled in bank's offices after a three-day strike.

About 50 of the bank employees were suspended from their jobs for four days by the bank's directors.

Meanwhile a reliable source said a number of members of the Catholic Action Workers' Brotherhood (HOAC) were among one 100 strike leaders arrested Thursday night when police burst into a meeting of a strike coordinating committee here. Police said the assembly had gathered to plan "a general strike of a political nature."

Among those arrested was a priest who is diocesan counselor to HOAC and the source said members of the Brotherhood Friday approached Vicente Cardinal Enrique Tarazona, the Archbishop of Madrid, in an attempt to obtain freedom for the arrested labour leaders.

Meanwhile, Madrid housewives boycotted city markets to protest against rising food prices.

McGovern sees PRG leader Binh in Saigon meeting

SAIGON, Jan. 16, (AFP). — Former presidential candidate Sen. McGovern (Democrat, South Dakota) was expected to return to Hanoi later Friday. He arrived here Thursday from the Vietnamese capital.

Seasonally-corrected, the jobless fell from 925,600 to 921,000. But the number of people regarded officially as seeking work was trimmed by 33,700 during a check up during the fourth quarter of the year. These names were wiped off the lists at the employment exchanges.

The political opposition and trade unions dispute the government's figures and they put the true total at something approaching 1,500,000, allowing for women, young people and others who have not registered as jobless.

MPLA thrust

(Continued from page one) rican government. It agreed to accept only Portuguese citizens among the refugees—and then only on the condition that they be repatriated to Portugal.

But the Portuguese officials faced a task made more difficult by the fact that most of the refugees left behind their identity papers in the rush out of Angola.

There is a total of 2,694 refugees aboard the 24 vessels. Of these 1,600 are aboard the largest vessel, the Cypriot registered freighter Silver Sky, which was built with only two toilets and cabin space for a crew of 39.

Several hundred people are crammed into the holds, taking it in turns to come up on deck to escape the 45 degree centigrade (120 degree fahrenheit) temperatures radiating from the steel decks.

There are 400 children on the Silver Sky. Two babies born on the vessel earlier this week are reported to have died.

Afars & Issas arms complicates scene as independence day ne

PARIS, Jan. 16, (AFP). — The uncovering this week of a terrorist network accompanied by the seizure of caches of Soviet and Hungarian weapons in the French Territory of Afars and Issas highlights underground pressures in France's last African possession that could wreck its chances of achieving independence peacefully.

Among six people arrested were two believed responsible for the murder of a gendarme early this month.

The arms caches included grenades of the same type as those which exploded around the pro-French Prime Minister Ali Aref in an assassination attempt in a Djibouti street last month.

Mr Ali Aref, who is committed to a policy of independence in close association with France including a likely defence pact to keep French forces in the Red Sea territory, describes himself as Franco-ophile and Gaulist to the core.

Heavy snow adds interest to Monte Carlo motor Rally

Monte Carlo, Jan. 16, (R). — Heavy snow throughout the French Alps was greeted with relief in Monaco Friday, 24 hours before the start of the Monte Carlo Motor Rally.

The 4,800 kilometre (3,000 mile) rally, still considered the toughest winter event in the world, loses a lot of its drama without snow. The snow fall also eliminated controversy over a new speed section on the wide road leading up to the soaring lauraret pass in the alps.

Italian Ace Sandro Munari said cars would be travelling flat out on a clear road and it would be "far too dangerous." Other leading rally drivers supported Munari and Finn Hannu Mikkola said the section would have no sporting interest without snow.

Munari, with Lancia teammate Bjorn Waldegaard, of Sweden, will be among the leading favourites in one of the strongest fields for some years.

He claims there is opposition, the African Independence League and neighbouring Somalia.

In Paris last week, whose government tried to hold a peace "dialogue" with groups, claimed that he had already stepped the bounds of legality up a pro-Somali star.

But the LPAL accuses Aref's administration of lumping it together with "criminal groups" to justify attacks on it as part of a general undesirable anti-government, and so leave a clean slate of independence.

Bonn grants \$50 million

BONN, Jan. 16 — (Germany will grant million worth of \$ to help it overcome of payments diff. Economic Cooperation Development Aid) Minister said Friday.

A tentative agreement just been concluded Egypt and the Frankfurt Credit Reconstruction agreement would be signed shortly, the minister said.

The decision to credit was taken to President Ford' NATO countries help tide Egypt overance of payments

The credit was in 100 million marks million sterling) was German capital granted to Cairo th

Lebanese planes strike at Palestinians

(Continued from page one) Palestinian forces, but added that bloody hand-to-hand fighting was still going on in the narrow streets after the leftists broke through.

The Palestine news agency declared that Mr Chamoun had asked for and obtained the support of the Lebanese army on the side of the National Liberal Party militia defending Damour.

He had also sought the intervention of the Lebanese air force and navy, it added.

Beirut airport was closed after three mortar shells hit the western end of the runway late Friday morning, aviation sources reported.

The closure was decided for security reasons, and most of the staff had left, the sources added.

Only three air traffic controllers remained on duty to supervise the take-off of three airliners still waiting to leave for Cairo, Milan and another European city, they said.

The Syrian army Chief of Staff, Major General Hikmat al-Shehawi, arrived in Beirut and immediately began talks with President Suleiman Franjeh.

It was the second visit by the army chief during the last

several weeks.

Gen. Shehawi, the Syrian Chief-of-Staff, left to Damascus after talks with President Franjeh and he is expected to return to Beirut Saturday to continue the investigation.

The Phalangist Party issued a statement calling for the formation of an Arab committee to investigate the present crisis in Lebanon.

The statement welcomed the Syrian initiative for cease-fire and settlement of the crisis.

In Beirut itself, battles raged throughout the night on all fronts, and the basis of a leftist strategy seemed to be emerging, consisting of keeping up pressure at all points in the suburbs and city centre at the one time, along a 20 km line.

At the same time they pressed forward with a pincer attack on the harbour area from the neighbouring seaford hotel district and from the old city.

A deafening reverberation of

heavy machine-guns, light weapons, mortars and recoilless cannon sounded all through the night as the Phalangists tried to hold back the leftists' advance from the right-wing vantage point in the 26-storey Holiday Inn hotel.

Beirut Radio announced Friday morning that fighting had resumed in the north of the country, where left-wing fighters were clashing with Christians of nearby Zghorta, the home village of President Suleiman Franjeh.

Shooting had also flared up again at Zahle, in Central Lebanon, it added.

An eminent French orientalist, Father Michel Allard, was killed early Friday when a shell hit his room at the Jesuit University in Beirut's eastern suburbs, security sources said.

Father Allard was director of the university's Institute of Arts and had been in Lebanon for 25 years.

Canadian Foreign Minister

(Continued from page one) He emphasised that Canada is not a party to the Middle East dispute.

"We have deep concern about the situation because of the obvious implication of peace in the area to peace in the world, and because instability in the area is also detrimental to the economic situation in the world."

"Canada is investing in peace-keeping with a 1,100-man contingent essential for stability in the area."

In his answer to a question on the allegation that Canada is a United States satellite since it followed the United States in voting against equating Zionism with racism at the UN, Minister Mac Eachen said that "as parties not involved in the dispute, we took, as U.N. members, a very strong stand against equating Zionism with racism, and certainly we made that decision on our own account, not under the influence of the United States, and we are not a U.S. satellite; but we

enjoy friendly relations with our neighbours.

"As a secular state, it is not our responsibility to take decisions on such philosophical movements, so we voted against the resolution."

The Minister said that having friendly relations with Arab countries while at the same time maintaining friendly relations with Israel is not contradictory.

"Regarding the dispute, we have a balanced and objective position based on U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, and the further declaration made with respect to the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

"It is wrong to assume that the relations of Canada with any country in the Middle East should be lessened because of a dispute to which Canada is not directly a party."

Concerning the future of détente between the Eastern and Western blocs, he said that "the Helsinki signing has been disappointing to many people, and it is probably too early to conclude that the conference has been a failure and that we have to wait for the evaluation conference due to be held in Belgrade in 1977."

Minister Mac Eachen has already visited Egypt and Saudi Arabia, and now leaves for Iraq, Israel and then France, where he will attend the Conference on International Economic Cooperation to be held in Paris.

German singer in free concert

Under the Patronage of H.E. Sherif Fawaz Sharaf the Goethe-Institute (German Cultural Institute) will present in cooperation with the Jordan Youth and Sports Organisation a concert by the German singer Karl Wolfram.

He sings historical songs in various languages from the middle-age to the 19th century accompanying himself on historical instruments.

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